

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE October 13, 1987

FULL NAME Patrick H. Hicks SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY Orange Park, STATE Florida ZIP CODE 32073

DATE OF BIRTH January 28, 1953 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Protestant NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION School Teacher (Physical Education)

EDUCATION College Graduate

WEIGHT 170 pounds HEIGHT 5'10" RACE Caucasian

COLOR OF HAIR Black (balding) COLOR OF EYES Brown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS NRA Instructor, Shooting Sports Instructor-  
National Camp School Trained, Youth Soccer Coach

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE NA

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS: Staff Rainey Mountain Scout Camp-Shooting Sports Dir.-Roundtable  
Commissioner, District 13 North Florida Council #87

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
7412	Orange Park,	Florida	SA	2/87	10/87

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:  
Accused by Scout of fondling him while on camp-out.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

CONFIDENTIAL

NOTED

MAR 28 '88

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Frank Lewis  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council North Florida Council #87

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April 8, 1988

Mr. Frank N. Rains  
Scout Executive  
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Patrick H. Hicks

Dear Frank:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter.  
This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent  
Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

PE/mdw

cc: Southeast Region

READY TO FILE  
APR 05 1988  
ERIN O'RILEY

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SCOUTING/USA

*Steve*

National Office  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038-3096  
Telephone: [REDACTED]

November 2, 1987

Mr. Frank N. Rains  
Scout Executive  
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Patrick H. Hicks

Dear Frank:

Thank you for sending us the complete information on Mr. Hicks. This is most important and will be helpful to us in refusing registration should he attempt it some other time.

We would like a copy of an application or some paper with Mr. Hicks' signature if you have this available. This would help to strengthen our identification process.

We would also like to have the outcome of any legal action which takes place. This will then complete our file with all the information which is necessary.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

*Paul Ernst*

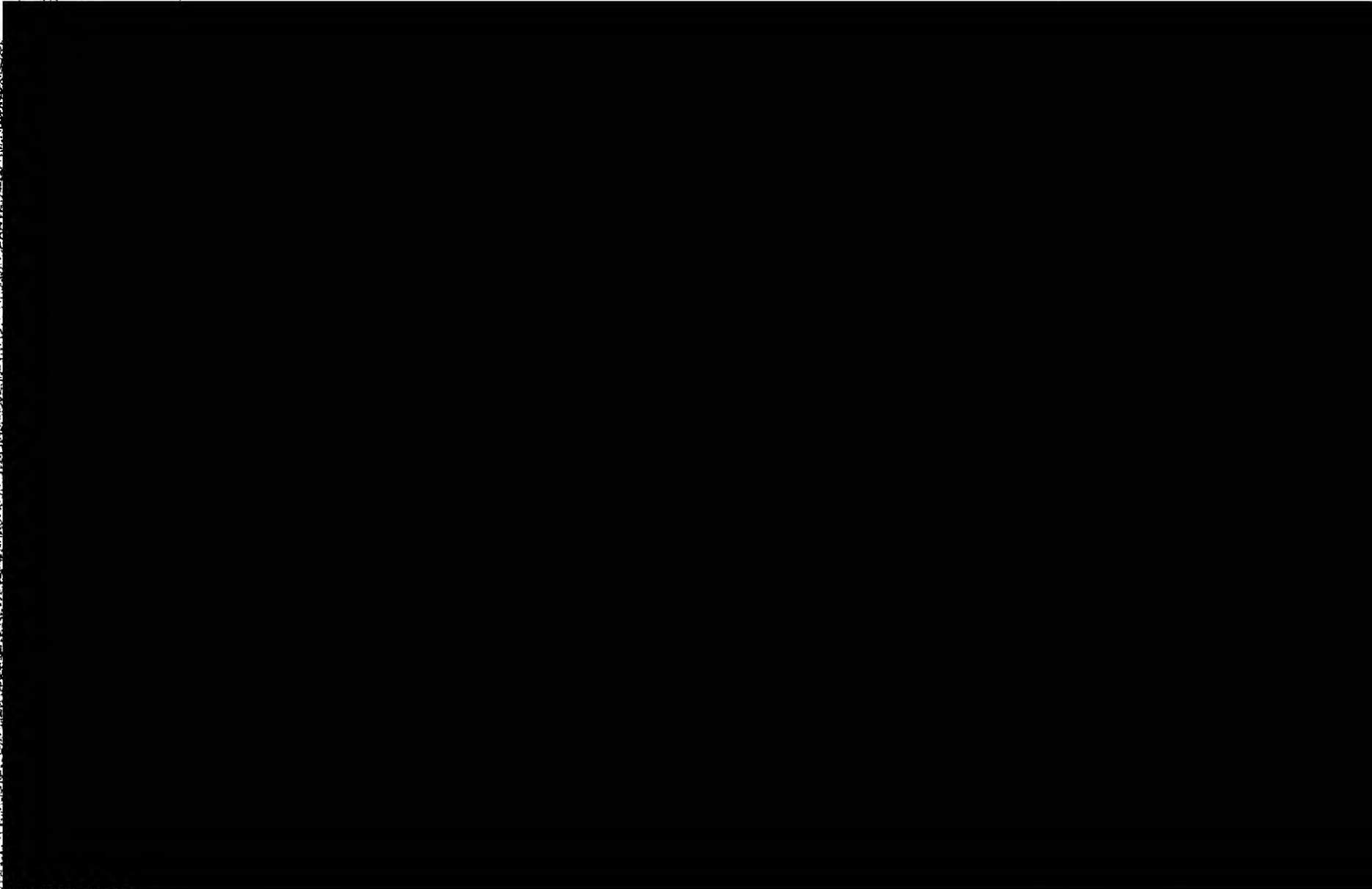
Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

*Paul - per your request!*  
*[Signature]*

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November 2, 1987

Mr. Frank H. Rains  
Scout Executive  
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

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Gerald Bard Tjoflat  
Chairman of the Board

A. Dano Davis  
Council President

NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32205 •

October 12, 1987

Mr. Patrick H. Hicks

Orange Park, Fl. 32073

Dear Mr. Hicks:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you have with Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is concern that an individual may not meet the high standard of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a council review committee please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

A. Dano Davis  
President

*Added to the  
A.P. file  
10/29/87  
Deleted from  
registration  
10/30/87 am*

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SCOUTING/USA

NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

JACKSONVILLE, FL. 32205

October 14, 1987

Gerald Bard Tjoflat  
Chairman of the Board

A. Dano Davis  
Council President

George Gable  
Barnett Bank Building  
[REDACTED]  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear George:

During the week of September 21 - 25 Steve <sup>MOORE</sup> and I were visited by Jim Gorman, Scoutmaster and Mike Gowens, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 412 sponsored by Asbury United Methodist Church of Orange Park, Florida.

Mr. Gorman and Mr. Gowens brought up problems they were having in the troop with the leadership style presented by Mr. Pat Hicks, an assistant scoutmaster with the troop. They related stories of "mind games" being used by Mr. Hicks to influence youth in various ways. Some of this influence had caused actions contrary to what the Scoutmaster had desired on campouts and troop meetings. They stated that they were suspicious of the motives of Mr. Hicks but had no concrete evidence that his actions were intended to be less than honorable. After a lengthy discussion of these problems Mr. Moore offered them the use of a Video tape recently viewed by the professional staff in orientation program on how to handle child sexual abuse situations. The video tape was of Sally Jessie Raphael's interview of an admitted child sexual abuser and a pedophile. Mr. Gorman and Mr. Gowens took the video tape for review.

On Friday, October 2, 1987 Mr. Gowens called me and we made an appointment to meet for lunch at the Officers Club at NAS Jacksonville on Monday, October 5, 1987. On Monday morning I discovered I was not able to make the appointment and called Mr. Gowens. He stated it was important for he and Jim Gorman to see me that day so we met at lunch time at the Scout Service Center.

They had viewed the video tape and stated that they saw characteristics of the pedophile in Mr. Hicks. They wanted to discuss how to best present the problem to the parents of the troop.

They called a special meeting of parents of the troop for Monday evening, October 5, 1987 and invited me to attend. They were cautioned to make sure that they only indentified the problem and not to accuse anyone of anything.

Approximately thirty parents were in attendance at the meeting. A very good presentation was made by Mr. Gorman on the pitfalls that can befall youth in an all male organization. He was very careful not to identify the problems with any individual. He discussed what a homosexual and pedophiles were. He stated that they did not have reason to suspect anyone of improper actions but wanted parents to be aware that in this day and age of loose morals among society in general that abuse of children is much more likely. Parents were cautioned to make themselves aware of what their children were doing in general and in particular

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while on Scout campouts.

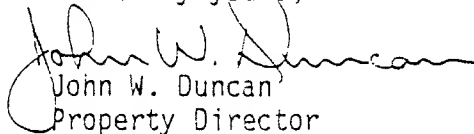
At the parent meeting on Monday, October 5 a parent brought up the subject of Mr. Hicks allowing youth of the troop to shoot a .357 magnum hand gun and his display of the gun on campouts. The parent also expressed concern about Mr. Hicks leaving campout at Camp Echokotee and returning with the smell of beer on his breath. Several minutes of discussion followed. I was asked how they could go about removing him from the troop. I explained that the troop committee had the authority to remove him. Another parent then made the statement that he wasn't so much concerned about individual drinking while on a campout or allowing kids to shoot a pistol as he was that Mr. Hicks relationship with some of the kids was such that he suspected him of cultivating them for immoral purposes and that he would not like to see him retained any longer. The troop committee voted to ask Mr. Hicks to leave the troop with the expressed reason being that the troop did not care for the style of leadership he displayed in troop functions.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1987 a mother of a scout in Troop 412 contacted Mr. Gorman and told him that her son had knowledge of an incident that had occurred at Camp Echokotee on the evening of September 18, 1987. His tent mate had told him of being touched on his private parts by Mr. Hicks. Mr. Gorman made an appointment with the parents of the boy who alleged that he had been fondled. The meeting between Mr. Gorman, the parents and the boy convinced them that fondling had occurred. Mr. Gorman called me for advice that evening and identified the youth and asked that I advise the parents of how to proceed with reporting this incident.

After contacting the state attorney's office in Jacksonville and Green Cove Springs and also talking to the Sheriffs office in Jacksonville, I contacted the parents at about 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 1987 and advised them to contact the Clay County Sheriffs Department and make their complaint to them.

The complaint was made by the parents of the youth and an investigation started. As of 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 13 the investigation is continuing and no formal charges have yet been made by the Clay County Sheriffs Department. The youth making the complaint is [REDACTED] and his parents [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Florida.

Sincerely yours,

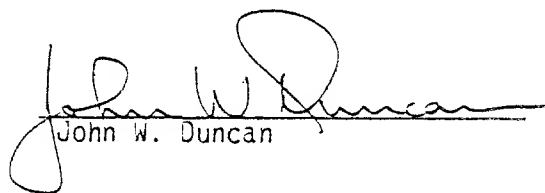
  
John W. Duncan  
Property Director



October 23, 1987

After several attempts to get in touch with Mr. Hicks to establish an appointment time I was able to reach him on Thursday October 22, 1987. We set up an appointment for 7:30 p.m. on that evening.

At 7:30 p.m. on October 22, 1987 in company with Andrew W. Sullivan, Jr., Black Creek District Commissioner, I met with Mr. Hicks at his apartment at [REDACTED] Orange Park, Florida. The letter advising him of suspension of his membership in the Boy Scouts of America, and a five (\$5) dollar check for refund of his membership fee was delivered to Mr. Hicks without incident. He was advised of procedures to follow should he desire to seek reinstatement of his membership at some future date.



John W. Duncan

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